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Allocation of items to the Third Committee

Letter dated 19 September 2001 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Third Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 3rd plenary meeting of its fifty-sixth session pertaining to the allocation of items to the Third Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/56/250). Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 3rd plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to the paragraphs of sections III and IV of the report concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

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Annex

Items allocated to the Third Committee

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (item 108).

   [The General Assembly decided to take note of resolution 55/57 of 4 December 2000, in which it decided that two plenary meetings of the fifty-sixth session would be devoted to volunteering, to coincide with the close of the International Year of Volunteers on 5 December 2001.]

2. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing (item 109).

3. Crime prevention and criminal justice (item 110).

4. International drug control (item 111).

5. Advancement of women (item 112).

   [The General Assembly decided that the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women would be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 99 (Operational activities for development).]

6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (item 113).

7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (item 114).

8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children (item 115).

9. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (item 116).

10. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (item 117).

11. Right of peoples to self-determination (item 118).

12. Human rights questions (item 119):

    (a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

    (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

    (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

    (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

    (e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

13. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters I and III to V, chapter VII, sections A to C and I, and chapter IX) (item 12).

[The General Assembly decided that the chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to plenary meetings and to the Second and Fifth Committees, as follows:

(a) Chapters I, VII (sections B and C) and IX. . . . . Plenary meetings and and Second and Fifth Committees

(b) Chapters III to V and VII (section A). . . . . Plenary meetings and Second Committee]

14. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (item 27).